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in its entirety, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on U.S.
Provisional Applications Nos. 60/113,006 filed December 18, 1998, and 60/112,809
filed December 17, 1998, which are hereby incorporated by reference in their
entireties.--

In the Claims

Please amend the claim 17 as follows:

17. (Amended) A method for preventing, treating, or ameliorating a medical
condition, comprising administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically
effective amount of the polypeptide of claim 11.

Please add the following claim:

- 24. A method for preventing, treating, or ameliorating a medical condition,
comprising administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount
of the polynucleotide of claim 1.